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BACK TO THE MORNING FIELD.

Since December 7 the people of the prosperous city of Astoria have been without their accustomed morning paper. For 30 years The Morning Astorian had come regularly to the door of almost every resident of the city but, upon the formation of the Franklin Printing Company, The Astorian was merged with the Daily News and the two papers published jointly in the evening field. The Astorian and Astoria Daily News has been printing a complete telegraphic report and all the local news, and it will be generally agreed, perhaps, that it has been a good afternoon paper. When the gentlemen comprising the Franklin Printing Company decided upon entering the evening field they believed they were meeting the demands of the people. It was urged that Astoria was a city of laboring people, who had no time to read papers in the morning; that an evening paper would give better service, because of its alleged ability to print late Eastern news several hours before the appearance of the morning paper, and because of its alleged ability to "print today's news today."

The experiment has been tried, and the people of Astoria are thoroughly conversant with the result. Not only has there gone up an indignant protest at abandonment of the morning field, but there has actually been complaint because of the poorer comparative showing made by the evening publication by reason of the fact that the evening field does not afford the opportunity of producing a newspaper equal to the morning edition. Since the evening field was entered the employees of this journal, from editors to carriers, have been industriously held up by the people who read newspapers, and there has been general demand for a morning paper. We have failed as yet to hear one commendatory statement regarding the change, whereas practically every person in the city who pays for the paper has made it his business to express himself as being very much dissatisfied with the change.

It is the purpose to here announce the intention of the proprietor to again make The Astorian a morning paper. Incidentally we desire to comment briefly on the newspaper situation and to point out to the people of Astoria the necessity for proper appreciation of the efforts which have been made in the past to provide them with a first-class daily. The Astorian will not be issued on New Year's day, but will appear on the morning of January 2, and thereafter will continue in the morning field.

When the well ran dry the people of this city missed the water. Prior to the time The Astorian abandoned the morning field proper support was withheld from the journal to which they had become accustomed, with the result that its publication entailed a loss to the proprietor for many years. In conducting The Astorian at a loss Mr. Elmore had in view the advancement of the interests of the city and of his paper. He manifested a pride in Astoria and her institutions, but long ago would have suspended publication of The Astorian had it not been for his public-spirited desire to provide the city with a morning newspaper, and his firm belief that eventually the public would appreciate his efforts and accord to The Astorian a support creditable to the city and sufficient to make good past deficits. In a limited field The Astorian has for years published complete Associated Press dispatches and the proprietor has expended many thousands of dollars in this manner alone.

Mr. Elmore has again been obliged to assume control of The Astorian. While his past experience in the newspaper field has had a tendency to make him skeptical, he believes, nevertheless, that the people of Astoria will now, after realizing the immense value

of the morning paper, afford it the proper support. With this idea in view, Mr. Elmore has given instructions to make The Astorian better than ever, and the paper will appear as an eight-page daily, with complete telegraphic and local news. As in the past, it will continue to be Astoria's leading representative institution, and in return for its efforts in behalf of Astoria the support of her citizens will be expected. Whether or not a morning paper is worthy of support has been learned during the past four weeks. It is our belief that the people desire a morning paper very much, and they will now be afforded an opportunity of extending to it the support necessary to its maintenance. The Astorian owes mighty little to Astoria, but Astoria owes a lasting debt to The Astorian.

It is not unreasonable to expect that after the experience of the past four weeks, the people of Astoria will now be happy to lend their support to a morning newspaper, and The Astorian will go back again to its proper field with the confidence on the part of the management that its value in the community will be appreciated. On the other hand, if our judgment is at fault and we are simply chasing rainbows with no more satisfactory results, then without doubt The Morning Astorian will gravitate to the evening field, where expense and news are reduced to the minimum.

THE NEW YEAR.

A year ago The Astorian predicted that 1903 would be the most important year in Astoria's history, and the prediction has been fulfilled by the commercial events transpiring since that time. The year which will draw to a close at 12 tonight has seen Astoria take her first step towards greatness, and the year to ensue will end with this city still farther along on the highway of prosperity.

In reviewing briefly the events of the year 1903 first importance should be given to development of our lumber industry. We have always had our inexhaustible timber supply, but heretofore our mills have been modest institutions, cutting from 50,000 to 75,000 feet daily. Now we have two large new mills in operation, and ere another year has passed three other great lumbering manufacturing concerns will have been commenced. Of the three the most important will be that which A. B. Hammond will build on the west side, for its construction will open up the vast tracts owned by that gentleman and his associates. The building of this mill will doubtless have far-reaching effect, as extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad south to the timber lands of the company will be the first step in the direction of rail connection between Astoria and the productive Tillamook country. The commercial benefits to accrue from such extension are obvious.

Within the past year we have secured for our bar a great sea dredge, which, with the assistance of the jetty, will provide the desired depth at the mouth of the Columbia. When the Columbia bar is deepened the only obstacle in the way of utilization of this harbor will have been removed, and there is reason to believe that greater depth will bring to the Columbia the great Harriman system, seeking the best northwestern outlet for the products of the most fertile empire in the United States.

Our fisheries are in better shape than ever before, and the capacity of the various packing and pickling plants will be much greater during 1904 than in the past. When the great runs of hatchery salmon enter the river the packers will be able to handle them, to the profit of themselves and the thousands of fishermen engaged in the industry.

A more progressive spirit has possessed our business men and Commercial and Bond and connecting streets present a very different appearance than was the case a year ago. The city is becoming metropolitan, whereas in the past it has been cosmopolitan. In every respect its public facilities are better, and the volume of trade is increasing at a surprising rate.

All in all, the outlook for 1904 is flattering, and if we but work together and grasp the opportunities that are open to us Astoria will boast 20,000 people a year hence.

OUR PANAMA MINISTER.

W. I. Buchanan, who has been chosen United States minister to Panama, was born in Covington, Ohio, in 1853, and is a self-made man, having as a youth learned the trade of an edged tool worker. He became fairly successful in a pecuniary way in his trade and he went to Sioux City, Iowa, and entered into the theatrical business. From the first his new venture succeeded and he was soon known through out the west as a thorough business man.

From managing a theater he drifted into politics and after having held several minor political offices in the

state of his adoption, he was made United States minister to Argentina, in 1902. While acting in that capacity he prepared reports on the industries and conditions of the South American republics that have been of great value to the government. His relations with the South Americans became so cordial and his reputation for integrity and incorruptibility having been spread so far and wide, he was asked by the governments of Chile and Argentina to settle the Puna de Atacama boundary question of 1859.

After having sifted the matter thoroughly he decided the claim in favor of Chile and was offered \$100,000 for his services. This congress refused to allow him to accept and shortly afterwards he resigned to become director of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

Since that time he has devoted his time to banking, having formed a large concern that is said to be very successful.

The Suez canal is usually considered the most important example of ship canals, though the number of vessels passing through it annually does not equal that passing through the canals connecting Lake Superior with the chain of the Great Lakes at the south. In length, however, it exceeds any of the other great ship canals, its total length being ninety miles, of which about two-thirds is through shallow lakes. The canal connecting the bay of Cronstadt with St. Petersburg is a work of great strategic and commercial importance to Russia. The canal and sailing course in the bay are about sixteen miles long, the canal proper being about six miles and the bay channel about ten miles, and they together extend from Cronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland to St. Petersburg. The next of the great ship canals connecting bodies of salt water in the order of date of construction is the Corinth canal, which connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Gulf of Aegina. The canal reduces the distance from Adriatic ports about 175 miles, and from Mediterranean ports about 100 miles, its length is about four miles.

It is a significant indication of the present condition of hard times in the theatrical world that in New York alone 3,000 actors are without employment, and that 800 companies have disbanded for the season. An interesting article by W. W. Harrison on this unusual situation is published in the current Harper's Weekly. It seems that art and rubbish have suffered together; neither Shakespeare, with one of our most popular actors in the east, nor the kind of farces and musical comedies which have usually appealed to the public, have met with success. It is said that the receipts for one night's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Nat Goodwin as Bottom, ran as low as \$7.00. "The fact is," concludes Mr. Harrison, "that people are not in a theater mood and that the plays which are called triumphs this year are playing to only small houses. Nowadays to pay expenses is a matter of congratulation."

To everyone with the interests of Astoria at heart The Astorian offers the following New Year's resolution: Join the Chamber of Commerce and help its progressive members in their effort to build up the city.

Senator Fulton doesn't like the land laws. The only difference between the senator and most other people is that he is not afraid to go to headquarters and say so.

Officers of the German steamship Serbia, which has arrived at Tacoma from Hamburg, report that while the vessel was lying in port at Valparaiso, Chile, she was boarded in the dead of night by six harbor pirates who sought to loot her cargo under cover of darkness. The third mate returning from shore, discovered their boat alongside, and upon reaching the deck, alarmed the watch and crew, and the invaders were driven overboard to their boat. Shots were fired, alarming the officers, who caught the defeated pirates and summary punishment followed the six being behind bars and under sentence when the Serbia left the port.

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